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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER FITZGERALD ON FUND RAISING FOR IRA

1. DURING MY INITIAL CALL ON IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER FITZGERALD YESTERDAY HE EXPRESSED CONCERN AND PESSIMISM OVER THE LEVEL OF FUND-RAISING IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE BENEFIT OF IRA ACTIVITIES IN THE NORTH. FITZGERALD FILLED ME IN ON HIS PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS TO PUBLICIZE IN THE U.S. THE GOI'S STRONG BELIEF THAT THIS FUND-RAISING AND OTHER FORMS OF SUPPORT HAVE BEEN MOST UNHELPFUL TO FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE TROUBLES IN THE NORTH OF IRELAND. HE STATED AGAIN WHAT I UNDERSTAND HE HAS SAID PUBLICLY I.E. "WHAT WOULD YOU AMERICANS FEEL IF ZAIRE WERE RAISING MONEY TO SUPPORT THE BLACK PANTHERS"?

2. FITZGERALD SAID THAT DURING HIS STAY IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE UNGA THIS FALL HE WOULD TAKE TIME OUT TO TRAVEL TO CHICAGO, TO CANADA, AND TO WASHINGTON ON OCTOBER 7 AND 8 WHERE HE HOPED TO MEET WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS. HE ALSO SAID THAT WHILE IN NEW YORK HE WAS THINKING ABOUT CONTACTING CARDINAL COOKE TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT THE U.S. CATHOLIC CHURCH MIGHT BE WILLING TO PLAY SOME ROLE IN DIS-

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COURAGING FUND-RAISING. ADDITIONALLY, HE SAID HE HAD

SPOKEN WITH MARTIN WARD (GENERAL PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED ASSOCIATION OF JOURNEYMEN AND APPRENTICES OF THE PLUMBING AND PIPEFITTING INDUSTRY) ON THE FLIGHT TO WASHINGTON FOLLOWING THE FUNERAL OF FORMER PRESIDENT DE VALERA IN DUBLIN. FITZGERALD THOUGHT THAT WARD MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN GAINING ACCESS TO LABOR GROUPS IN ORDER TO CARRY THE MESSAGE TO A SEGMENT OF AMERICAN SOCIETY THAT HAD NOT BEEN APPROACHED HERETOFORE.

3. COMMENT: FITZGERALD SAID SEVERAL TIMES THAT IF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OR THE EMBASSY COULD THINK OF ANY OTHER CONTACT HE COULD MAKE OR OTHER AVENUES OF APPROACH THAT SHOULD BE EXPLORED HE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR OUR HELP. I RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE IRISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ON ARRANGING FITZGERALD'S PROGRAM AND PARTICULARLY IN ARRANGING FOR CONTACTS WITH SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES.  
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